

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 24, 2007, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 7, 8 and 14 pending in the Application based on newly found reference Kuchi (US Patent No.: 7065156). The Examiner objects to claims 2-6 and claims 9-13 as being dependent upon rejected claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 16, 17, 20, and 21.

Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 which was indicated as allowable. Applicants have also amended claim 8 by incorporating the allowable subject matter from claim 9. Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 4 to depend from amended claim 1, and have amended claims 10 and 11 to depend from amended claim 8.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16-17, and 20-21 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

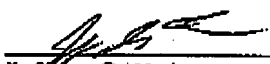
Any changes to the claims in this amendment which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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